



## State of Tennessee

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 459

By Representative Montgomery

and

Senator Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mariah Grace Melancon, 2011 Salutatorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mariah Grace Melancon is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mariah has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Melancon has earned an exemplary 3.96 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including track and field, cross country, the UT Volunteer Track Classic, and the 2010 Cookeville Soapbox Derby; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements in academics, Mariah Melancon has attended the Tennessee Governor's School for Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Miss Melancon has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work with the 2007 Gatlinburg River Clean-Up and the 2011 Knoxville Covenant Health Half-Marathon; and

WHEREAS, Mariah's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Mariah's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Laurie and Chris Melancon, her school, and her community; and

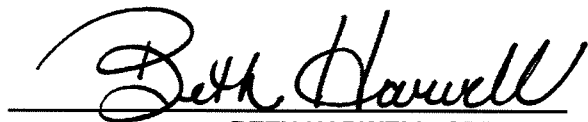
WHEREAS, Miss Melancon's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Seymour High School Salutatorian, Mariah Grace Melancon, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

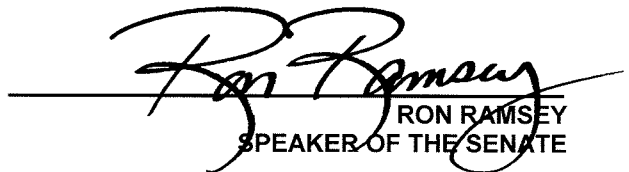
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR